Injured in SC gas leak blast dies

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: One of the 13 people injured in agas leak blastat the Supreme Court's canteen a day earlier succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday, according to hospital officials.

Dr Abdul Khaliq, the head of the Burn Care Centre at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences in Islamabad, said that 19-year-old Asad Muneeb, who was a air conditioner technician (AC), did not survive.

He said that the victim had sustained 80 per centburn injuries.

The doctor also said that another person injured in the incident had been discharged.

"Out of the 11 remaining patients, four are critical. Five of them will have plastic and skin surgeries within the next two weeks," he said.

Talking about the gas blast, he said that in such cases hot air enters the lungs, severely damaging them in the process.

He said that chemicals were also released in such a situation, which could further exacerbate one's injuries.

"Our plastic surgery team for burn injuries is doing their best," he said.

As many as 13 people were burnt, two of them seriously, in a gas explosion in the apex court's canteen on Tuesday.

The incident took place in the canteen located in the basement of the court building at around 10:55am.

IG Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi said there was a massive gas leakage and smell in the basement while air conditioners installed in the canteen were also not working properly.

He said the blast happened when technicians were busy with repair work, adding that majority of the injured were technicians.

Govt seeks to expand administrator's powers amid ECP concerns over delay in LG polls

New bill seeks unlimited tenure for administrator in absence of LG

By Kashif Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: Hours after the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) expressed concerns over the delay in holding local government elections in the capital, the federal government on Wednesday moved a bill in the National Assembly seeking more powers for the administrator and the federal government to manage the affairs in the absence of the local government.

Under the existing law, the administrator oversees its functions but cannot hold office for more than six months.

Similarly, under the existing law, only the local government can levy taxes. However, through the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government (Second Amendment) Bill, tabled in the Assembly by Parliamentary Affairs Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, the government seeks to remove the six-month restriction, allowing the administrator to hold office until an elected local government assumes charge.

The bill also proposes empowering the administrator to levy taxes.

"A tax proposal vetted by the government shall, within 15 days, be laid before Parliament," the bill states. "If Parliament does not disapprove the tax proposal within 60 days, it shall be deemed to have been approved," it adds.

The government, through the bill, seeks amendments to Sections 29, 88, and 93 of the Local Government Act 2015 (amended in 2024). It further states that directions issued by the federal government shall be binding on the local government and the administrator. The bill seeks several amendments mainly related to members of the Union Councils.

The term of the last local government expired in February 2021, and since then, elections have been delayed under various pretexts, depriving around 2.5 million residents of Islamabad, who continue to face issues ranging from water shortages to unpaved streets.

Earlier in the day, the ECP held a meeting on the matter of local government elections in Islamabad. The meeting, presided over by Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja, was attended by commission members, the secretary, and other senior officers.

According to a statement issued by the ECP, the commission was informed that an amendment was required in Section 15 of the Islamabad Local Government Act, 2015. Interestingly, the bill moved on Wednesday did not address Section 15 but instead focused on granting more powers to the administrator.

The ECP said it had written several times to the Ministry of Interior on the matter. The meeting was told that the latest communication from the ministry was received on October 23, informing the Commission that the proposed amendment bill had been presented before the Standing Committee of the NA on October 21, but was deferred for further consideration.

The meeting noted that the tenure of the local governments in Islamabad had expired on February 14, 2021, and elections have since been delayed.

It observed that since the conduct of these elections had already been pending for a considerable time, further correspondence could cause additional delays. Therefore, it was decided that the case regarding the conduct of Islamabad Local Government Elections would be fixed for hearing before the Election Commission on November 13.

Earlier in May this year, the ECP had criticised the government for delaying legislation for the polls, deploring that whenever it completed preparations for holding the elections, amendments were made to the Local Government Act.

It is worth noting that the ECP has conducted delimitation of constituencies multiple times and issued election schedules at least thrice, all of which were later cancelled.

Non-bailable arrest warrants for Imaan, spouse issued

By Malik Asad

ISLAMABAD: An additional district and sessions court on Wednesday issued non-bailable arrest warrants for Imaan Mazari-Hazir and her spouse Hadi Ali Chatha in the controversial tweets case, after both failed to appear before the court despite repeated directions.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Afzal Majoka also issued show-cause notices to both accused, asking why their bail should not be cancelled for their non-appearance and conduct during proceedings.

The case was heard by Judge Majoka on Wednesday, where heated exchanges took place between the accused and the court.

At the outset of the hearing, Imaan Mazari objected to the court's previous order, calling it "baseless" and claiming that the record incorrectly stated she had been indicted.

"It is written in the court order that the indictment was read to me, while the charge was not read to me," she said. "The recordings of the cameras present in the courtroom should be seen," she added.

Judge Majoka responded that the charges had been communicated to her counsel, to which Imaan replied that the court should "read and explain the charge today".

The judge then directed her to call her lawyer. Afterward, the charge was formally read out, and Imaan Mazari denied the allegations.

During the same hearing, Hadi Ali Chatha moved an application seeking the removal of the public prosecutor.

He argued that a complaint had been filed before the Member Inspection Team (MIT) against alleged "misconduct" by the court and requested a stay of proceedings until the MIT's decision.

However, Judge Majoka declined the request, stating that "the hearing of the case cannot be stopped."

As the hearing resumed after a brief adjournment, Hadi Ali Chatha expressed no confidence in the court, alleging bias.

"This court is biased and should not hear this case," he said.

Judge Majoka replied that such an application should have been filed before the indictment.

"Had you expressed no confidence before the indictment, I could have transferred the case. Now, this power lies with the High Court," the judge remarked.

Chatha then alleged that the judge was "under pressure," which the judge firmly denied.

As the exchanges continued, Imaan Mazari insisted the indictment had not yet been read, while the judge maintained that "the indictment has been filed" and that "the law allows the court to hear the case and it will be heard."

Mazari warned that they would boycott proceedings if the court continued "in this manner".

"If you want to do it, of course, do it," Judge Majoka replied.

Both accused requested further time, citing the absence of their lawyers. The court adjourned the hearing until 12 noon.

When the hearing resumed, Imaan Mazari informed the court that her lawyer had withdrawn the power of attorney. The judge directed that the lawyer must appear personally to confirm the withdrawal.

Mazari clarified that she was not changing lawyers, but that her counsel had withdrawn representation voluntarily.

NOTICE OF 71st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **71st Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of Sui Southern Gas Company Limited will be held on Thursday, November 27, 2025 at 11:00 a.m, at Jade Hall, Arena, Habib Rehmatullah Road, Karsaz, Karachi as well as through audio / video link to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESSES

1. To review the minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on June 16, 2025.
2. To consider and adopt the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended June 30, 2025, together with the Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon.
3. To consider and approve payment of final cash dividend to the shareholders at the rate of Re 0.5 per share i.e. 5% for the year ended June 30, 2025, as recommended by the Board of Directors payable to shareholders appearing in register at close of business on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.
4. To appoint auditors of the Company for the year ending June 30, 2026 and fix their remuneration. The Board Audit Committee and Board of Directors have recommended the name of M/s. BDO Ebrahim & Co., Chartered Accountants for the re-appointment as auditors of the Company.
5. To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

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By the Order of the Board

November 06, 2025, Karachi

Fawad Ahmed Khan
(Company Secretary)

Important Notice: In compliance with Section 185 of Companies Act, 2017 and SECP directives vide S.R.O. 452(I)/2025 dated March 17, 2025, NO GIFTS, CASH, COUPONS / VOUCHERS OR ANY OTHER FORM OF GIFT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED at the Annual General Meeting.

NOTES:

A. BOOK CLOSURE

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from **Thursday, November 20, 2025 to Thursday, November 27, 2025, (both days inclusive)**. Transfers received at the Share Registrar's office at CDC Share Registrar Services Limited, CDC House, 99-B, Block 'B', S.M.C.H.S., Main Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi-74400 by the close of business on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025** will be considered for entitlement to attend and vote.

B. REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

i. In the case of individuals, the account holder or sub-account holder whose registration details are uploaded as per the Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited Regulations, shall authenticate his/her identity by showing his/ her valid original Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) or original Passport at the time of attending the AGM.

ii. In the case of corporate entity, Board of Directors' resolution/Power of Attorney and attested copy of the CNIC or passport of the nominee shall also be produced (unless provided earlier) at the time of meeting.

C. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTING PROXIES

i. A member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting may appoint another member as his or her proxy to attend and vote. Proxies in order to be effective, must be received at SSGCL Head Office. SSGC House, Sir Shah Suleman Road. Block -14, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi, **not later than forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting** and must be duly stamped, signed and witnessed.

ii. Members, proxies or nominees shall authenticate their identity by showing their original Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) or original Passport and bringing their folio numbers at the time of attending the meeting.

iii. In the case of individuals, attested copies of CNIC or passport of the beneficial owners and the proxy shall be furnished with the proxy form.

iv. In the case of proxy by a corporate entity, Board of Directors' Resolution / Power of Attorney and attested copy of the CNIC or passport of the proxy shall be submitted along with proxy form.

v. In case of proxy for corporate members, the Board of Directors' Resolution / Power of Attorney with specimen signature of the nominee shall be produced at the time of meeting (unless it has been provided earlier to the Shares Registrar).

D. TRANSMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS VIA QR ENABLED CODE AND E-MAIL

In compliance with Section 223(6) of the Companies Act, 2017 and pursuant to S.R.O. 389(I)/2023 dated March 21, 2023, Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (the "Company") has electronically transmitted its Annual Report 2025 to its Members through a web link, QR-enabled code, and email to those Members whose email addresses are available in the records of the Company's Share Registrar, M/s. CDC Share Registrar Services Limited.

However, for Members whose email addresses are not available with the Share Registrar, printed copies of the Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM) containing the QR code and the Weblink to view and download the Annual Audited Financial Statements / Annual Report 2025 have been dispatched to their registered addresses.

Notwithstanding the above, the Company shall provide hard copies of the Annual Report 2025, free of cost, to any Member upon receipt of a written request at their registered address, within one (1) week of such request. Members desirous of obtaining printed copies of the Annual Report 2025 may submit their request using the Standard Request Form available on the Company's official website.

E. PARTICIPATION IN AGM THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS

The Company has made arrangements for participation of shareholders in the AGM via video link. Those members who are willing to attend and participate in the AGM via video link are requested to register themselves by sending an email along with following particulars and valid copy of both sides of Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) at **cdcsr@cdcsrsl.com** with subject of 'Registration for AGM' not less than 48 hours before the time of the meeting or send a message via WhatsApp on +92 321 820 0864 along with a valid scanned copy of the applicant's CNIC. While participating through electronic means, members are advised to provide the following mandatory information:

Company	Name of Shareholder	CNIC #	Folio / CDS Account #	Cell #	E-mail Address
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Members will be registered after necessary verification as per the above-required information and will be provided with a video link at their provided email address. The login facility will be opened thirty (30) minutes before the meeting time to enable the participants to join the meeting after the identification process **on Thursday, November, 27, 2025**.

F. AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON THE COMPANY'S WEBSITE

In accordance with the provisions of Section 223(7) of the Companies Act, 2017, the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended June 30, 2025 have been uploaded on the Company's website www.ssgc.com.pk.

G. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS

Shareholders are requested to promptly notify any change in their address.

H. PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND THROUGH ELECTRONIC MODE

Under the provision of Section 242 of Companies Act, 2017, it is mandatory for listed company to pay cash dividend to its shareholders only through electronic mode directly into bank account designated by the entitled shareholders. In order to receive dividends directly into their bank accounts of shareholders, shareholders are requested to fill the "Electronic Credit Mandate Form" available on Company's website and send it duly signed along with a copy of CNIC to the Share Registrar of the Company M/s. CDC Share Registrar Services Limited, CDC House, 99-B, Block-B, S.M.C.H.S., Main Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi, in case of physical shares. In case shares are held in CDC then "Electronic Credit Mandate Form" must be submitted directly to shareholder's broker /participant /CDC account holder.

I. CONVERSION OF PHYSICAL SHARES TO CDC ACCOUNTS

In compliance with Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2017, physical shares are required to be converted into book-entry form within four years of the promulgation of the Act. Shareholders holding physical share certificates are encouraged to convert their shares into book-entry form at the earliest. The shareholders of the Company may contact the Share Registrar, namely M/s. CDC Share Registrar Services Limited, CDC House, 99-B, Block-B, S.M.C.H.S., Main Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi, for the conversion of physical shares into book-entry form.

J. UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS AND SHARE CERTIFICATES

Shareholders, whose dividend or bonus shares are still unclaimed or have not collected their physical shares, are advised to contact our Share Registrar, M/s. CDC Share Registrar Services Limited, to collect/enquire regarding their unclaimed dividends or pending shares, if any.

K. DECLARATION AS PER ZAKAT & USHER ORDINANCE 1980

Shareholders are requested to submit a notarized copy of Zakat Declaration Form "CZ-50" on NJSP of Rs.50/- to the Share Registrar, if not provided earlier.

L. SUBMISSION OF COPY OF CNIC / NTN CERTIFICATE (Mandatory)

Members are requested to provide a copy of valid CNIC / NTN Certificate to their respective Participant / CDC Investor Account Services in case of Book-Entry Form, or to the Company's Share Registrar in case of Physical Form, duly quoting thereon the Company's name and respective folio numbers.

M. POSTAL BALLOT / E- VOTING

Pursuant to the Companies (Postal Ballot) Regulations 2018 and with Section 143 and 144 of the Companies Act, 2017, members will be allowed to exercise their right of vote through Postal Ballot that is voting by post or through any electronic mode (e- voting), in accordance with the requirements and procedures contained in the aforesaid Regulations.

N. CONSENT FOR VIDEO CONFERENCE FACILITY

In accordance with Section 132 and 134 of the Companies Act, 2017, members can also avail video conference facility.

If the Company receives consent from members holding in aggregate 10% or more shareholding, residing at a geographical location other than the city of the meeting, to participate in the meeting through video conference at least 7 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting; the Company will arrange video conference facility in that city subject to availability of such facility in that city. In this regard, please fill the following form and submit the same to the registered address of the Company 7 days before holding of the Annual General Meeting.

The Company will intimate to members regarding the venue of video conference facility at least 5 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting along with complete information necessary to enable them to access such facility.

I/We _____ of_____ being a member of Sui Southern Gas Company Limited, holder of _____ordinary share(s) as per Registered Folio/CDC Account No._____ hereby opt for video conference facility at_____.

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GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
PLANNING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

JOB OPPORTUNITY

1. Planning & Development Department (P&DD) of the Government of Sindh focusses on Policy, Planning & development in the Province. The department also deals with foreign aids through Donors / Ministries and processes all development schemes, programs and proposals and make recommendations to the government thereon, The department is also responsible for monitoring the progress and evaluation of development schemes and maintains liaison with the National Planning agencies ministries departments and donors.

2. Planning & Development Department invites application(s) from the suitable individuals having required qualifications from HEC recognized institutions and Domicile of Sindh Province for the positions mentioned below on contract basis initially for a period of two (02) year, which will be further extendable based on satisfactory performance and need basis for **Centralized Data Repository** of the department.

01.	**Director IT (MP Scale-I)**	**01 Post**
	Required Qualification / Experience:	Ph.D. in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, or any other relevant field such as Computer Systems, Information Systems, Data Science etc. At least 08 years of working experience in the relevant field either in Private or Public Sector or both. **OR** Master's degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, or any other relevant field such as Computer Systems, Information Systems, Data Science etc. At least 12 years experience in the relevant field either in Private or Public Sector or both.
02.	**Senior Developer (.NET) (MP Scale-III)**	**01 Post**
	Required Qualification / Experience:	Ph.D. in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, or any other relevant field such as Computer Systems, Information Systems, Data Science etc. At least 04 years of working experience in the relevant field either in Private or Public Sector or both. **OR** Master's degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, or any other relevant field such as Computer Systems, Information Systems, Data Science etc. At least 08 years experience in the relevant field either in Private or Public Sector or both.
03	**DATA Basic Administrator (Microsoft SQL Server) (MP Scale-III)**	**01 Post**
	Required Qualification / Experience	Ph.D. In Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information, Technology; or any other relevant field such as Computer Systems, Information Systems, data Science etc. At least 04 years of working experience in the relevant field either in Private or Public Sector or both. **OR** Master's degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, or any other relevant field such as Computer Systems, Information Systems, Data Science etc. At least 08 years experience in the relevant field either in Private or Public Sector or both.

Requirements:

- The individuals must have domicile/PRC of the Sindh Province.
- Maximum age: 60 years (as of closing date).
- The successful individual will be offered Remuneration/Pay Package as per Sindh Management Position Scales Policy, 2022 vide SGA&CD's Notification No.SOII (SGA&CD)6-32/2021, dated 29.12.2022.
- Initial contract period will be for two (02) years, extendable subject to satisfactory performance evaluation by the committee.
- The job description can be seen on the website of P&D Department pnd.sindh.gov.pk or can be directly obtained from Section Officer (Admn-I), P&D Department.

The individuals fulfilling the requisite criteria should apply and submit their CVs along-with latest passport size photograph CNIC, Domicile, Educational documents and experience certificate through surface mail to the undersigned by **30th November, 2025.** Applicant(s) currently working in Government/Semi Government Departments/ Organizations should apply through proper channel. **No TA/DA** will be admissible. Only the eligible candidates will be called for test/interviews.

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